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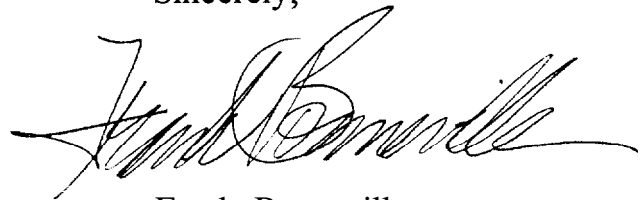
Secretary Dan Glickman,
USDA
1400 Independence Avenue, S. W.
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Dear Secretary Glickman,

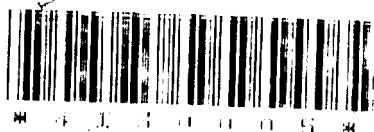
I am writing to add my voice to the growing swell of public concern over voluntary versus mandatory industry labeling of foods containing genetically engineered ingredients. There is no evidence in the history of mankind that suggests that any business enterprise will forgo profit in favor of voluntary adherence to any set of standards that is "merely in the public interest"--that's just not enough motivation.

The public is constantly being manipulated (and often deceived) by special interest groups, and I encourage you to place the best interests of the "public" before any other entity. In a world with an ever-increasing population, and a corresponding loss of farm land, there probably is a need to perform research on biotech products. However, I am adamantly opposed to using public funds for that purpose. I would like to believe that my government is not funding pharmaceutical research, and I see no reason, therefore, why the USDA should be funding biotechnology experimentation.

Sincerely,



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